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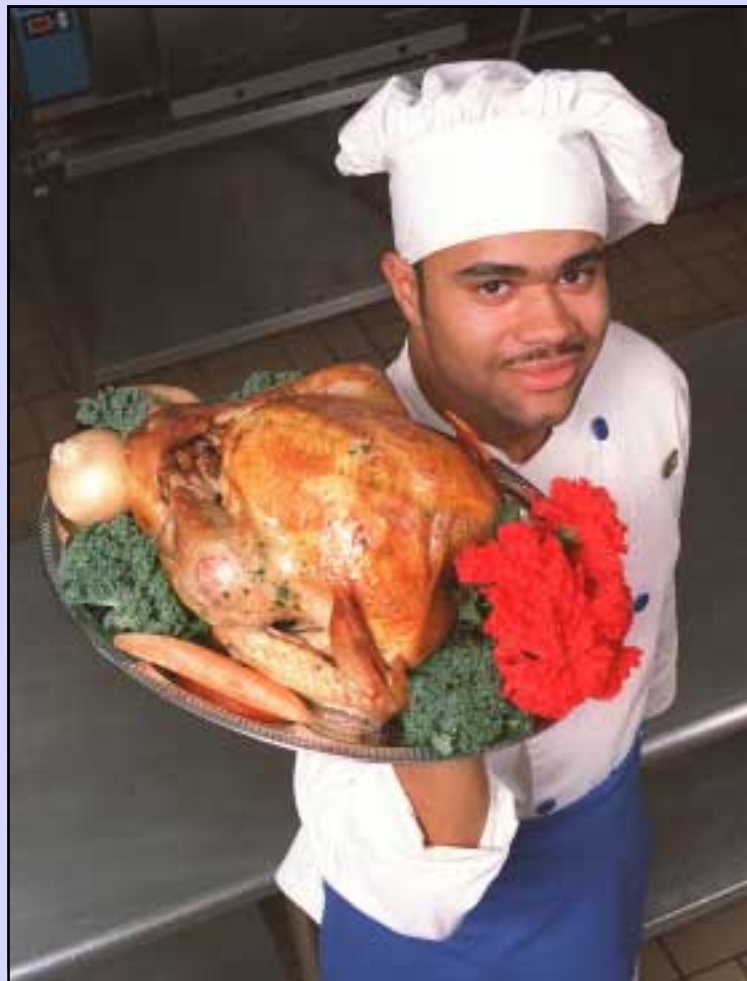


Photo by Mr. John Broussard

A feast fit for a king

Airman Zeno Marvel, 99th Services Squadron culinary arts specialist, displays one of the turkeys being prepared for the Thanksgiving meal at the Mountain View Inn. See Pages 12 and 13 for more information about the meal.

Nellis responds to bomb threat

By 1st Lt. Allen Herritage
AWFC Public Affairs

Scores of military and civilian personnel were evacuated and major intersections on and off base were shut down as Nellis responded to a bomb threat received Nov. 17.

These were only a few of the measures taken by Nellis security forces, Nevada Highway Patrol, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police and numerous other units to ensure the safety of everyone in and around the Nellis community according to Col. Rich Tedesco, the on-scene commander.

The situation began when Nellis security forces received word of a bomb threat. The threat centered on the vicinity of the visitor center at the main gate. Specially trained K-9 units were immediately dispatched to search the area for any explosive material.

The K-9 unit was quickly alerted to a vehicle in the parking lot of the visitor center. "The combination of a bomb threat, the presence of a suspicious vehicle and the fact that dogs were alerted to the vehicle was the reason we took heightened security measures," said Col. Tedesco.

These measures included a security cordon that closed the front gate, the intersection of Craig and Las Vegas Boulevard and several streets on base. Buildings outside the main gate were evacuated along with the Air Warfare Center, dormitories, Dunning Circle and other areas of base housing.

"This high number of security measures is indicative of a Phase II security situation," said Capt. Paul Cairney, 99th Security Forces Squadron.

A Phase I situation is present when security forces suspect or have information that there might be a threat said Capt. Cairney. Phase II measures are enacted when security forces have an indication that the threat is credible.

"When we received a threat, found a vehicle and saw our dogs react to the vehicle there was no question that the situation required Phase II postures," said Capt. Cairney.

The Nellis Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team was then brought in to find the bomb, if it existed, remove the device if possible or disarm it. EOD came prepared with a robot used to remove explosives without endangering human life, but didn't get the chance to

use it.

Before EOD could use the robot, security forces were able to contact the owner of the vehicle, according to Col. Tedesco.

The tense situation came to an end at approximately 6:15 p.m. when the material which had alerted the K-9 unit to the vehicle was found not to be harmful.

Nellis officials terminated the threat and the main gate and affected streets were re-opened.

"Most of the base did what it was supposed to do. What concerns me is the few who don't think the rules apply to them. People who linger in evacuated buildings or fail to follow traffic directions add to the confusion on base. It's imperative that all base personnel cooperate with security forces. The measures they take are to ensure our safety," said Col. Tedesco.

Anyone receiving a bomb threat should, unless there is danger of imminent explosion, gather as much information from the source as possible and up-channel the information immediately by calling the law enforcement desk at 652-2311. If there is danger of an imminent explosion, clear the area first then call the Law Enforcement Desk as soon as possible.



Nellis salutes...



Nellis salutes the following Captain selects:

1st Lt. Richard M. Drake, 547th Intelligence Squadron
 1st Lt. Richard M. Greene, 57th Operation Support Squadron
 1st Lt. Eric C. Harten, 57th Wing
 1st Lt. Lisa L. Hoffman, 11 Reconnaissance Squadron
 1st Lt. Junaid Rahman, 66th Rescue Squadron
 1st Lt. Jeffrey W. Kerneklian, 57th Operations Group
 1st Lt. Timothy A. Kuntz, 11th Reconnaissances Squadron
 1st Lt. Richard M. Marnin Jr., 57th Operation Support Squadron
 1st Lt. Tracy L. Orfield, 66th Rescue Squadron
 1st Lt. Misty M. Sorensen, 414th Combat Training Squadron
 1st Lt. Donna E. Watson, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron
 1st Lt. Paul C. Aparicio, 99th Secuirty Forces Squadron
 1st Lt. Kathy A. Azinger, 99th Medical Operations Squadron
 1st Lt. Mark V. Brown, 99th Security Support Flight
 1st Lt. Christopher J. Callis, 99th Security Support Flight
 1st Lt. Bradley P. Christiansen, 99th Range Support
 1st Lt. Afia I. Malone, 99th Transportation Squadron
 1st Lt. Shannon J. Moham, 99th Ground Combat Training Flight
 1st Lt. Kristopher S. Munn, 99th Communications Squadron
 1st Lt. Rose M. Nikovits, 99th Air Base Wing
 1st Lt. Barnabus Roundtree, 99th Communications Squadron
 1st Lt. Tonya L. Green, 99th Medical Operation Squadron
 1st Lt. Soo A. Sohn, 99th Medical Support Squadron
 1st Lt. Paula M. Wright, 99th Medical Operations Squadron
 1st Lt. Erik M. Sell, 12th Air Force, 820th RED HORSE Squadron
 1st Lt. Trent A. Greenwell, 53rd Wing, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron
 1st Lt. David M. Kaziska, 53rd Wing, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron
 1st Lt. Tammy S. Hinskon, Air Force Instruction of Technology

Nellis salutes the following Chief Master Sergeants selects:

Senior Master Sgt. Tony R. Demarini, 53rd Wing
 Senior Master Sgt. Michael D. Lewis, 53rd Wing
 Senior Master Sgt. Billy Ray Melvin, 53rd Wing
 Senior Master Sgt. John C. Terry, 53rd Wing
 Senior Master Sgt. Rafael S. Avina, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. Steven L. Hall, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. Jerome Marsolek, 57 Aircraft Generation Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Q. Hudson, 57th Component Repair Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. Philip J. Carreiro, 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. Steven L. Cook, 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. Alan L. Wise, Air Warfare Center
 Senior Master Sgt. John J. Mullen, 11th Reconnaissance Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth R. Monk, 66th Rescue Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. Antonio Savo, 820th RED HORSE Squadron
 Senior Master Sgt. William A. Beenau, 896th Munitions Squadron

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Air Force selects officers for advanced formal training

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) — More than 700 Air Force military officers and civilians were recently chosen to attend advanced formal training beginning next year.

The Air Force selected 229 line lieutenant colonels for Senior Service School and 456 line majors and major-selects to attend Intermediate Service School starting in the summer of 2000.

The officers were selected by the calendar 1999 Line ISS/SSS Central Selection Boards that met at the Air Force Personnel Center from Oct. 12 through 22. The complete list of officers selected will be available on the AFPC home page at noon CST Nov. 23.

The following Team Nellis members have been selected to attend the below listed schools:

Maj. William P. Acker Jr., 53rd Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Sherril Daugherty, 53rd Wing, Army Command Staff College
 Maj. Joseph G. Hruska, 53rd Wing, Army Command Staff College
 Lt. Col. Michael Isherwood, 53rd Wing, National War College
 Maj. Robert W. Mann, 53rd Wing, Alternate
 Maj. Craig M. Nordlie, 53rd Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Lt. Col. Curtis G. Rackley, 53rd Wing, Air War College
 Maj. Richard O. Sheppard, 53rd Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Robert C. Shores, 53rd Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Jeffrey R. Weed, 53rd Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Kevin J. Anderson, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. James J. Beissner, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Laura W. Berry, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Michael P. Bettner, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
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 Maj. Robert T. Brooks Jr., 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Mark E. Cline, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Peter F. Davey, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
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 Maj. James B. Hecker, 57th Wing, College of Naval Command Staff
 Maj. Gary W. Henderson, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Eric J. Holdaway, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. David A. Lujan, 57th Wing, College of Naval Command Staff
 Maj. Gregory S. Mazolf, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Lt. Col. Kenneth A. Murphy, 57th Wing, National War Collage
 Lt. Col. Francis G. Neubeck, 57th Wing, Naval War College
 Lt. Col. Lori J. Robinson, 57th Wing, Air War College
 Maj. David S. Prather, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Jeffery W. Prichard, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Kevin B. Schneider, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Lt. Col. John N. T. Shanahan, 57th Wing, National War College
 Maj. Roger L. Wagner, 57th Wing, Army Command and Staff College
 Maj. James C. Weigle, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Robert Wintersteen, 57th Wing, Air Command Staff College
 Maj. Joseph T. Guastella, 57th Wing, Alternate
 Maj. Stephen R. Miller, 57th Wing, Alternate
 Maj. Adrian C. Pone, 57th Wing, Alternate
 Maj. James A. Pryor, 57th Wing, Alternate
 Maj. Paul D. Harris, 99th Air Base Wing, Air Command Staff College
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Y2K problems seem unlikely, but it's best to be prepared

Governments and businesses have spent billions of dollars to ensure that computer systems will make a successful transition to the next century.

Although it's unlikely that the Year 2000, or Y2K, issue will create significant problems in the United States, no one can say for sure that there won't be temporary disruptions in some services. Such interruptions are expected to be short-lived, like temporary problems in service caused by storms, and while inconvenient, are not expected to cause long-term problems.

The following recommendations, prepared by the President's Council on Y2K Conversion, will help you and your neighbors prepare for any difficulties that may occur:

Local Information: Read Y2K notices provided by local government officials, banks, power and telephone companies, health care organizations and other important service providers. Adapt the recommendations in this checklist to what you learn locally and to your past experiences with local service providers.

Food, Water and Other Suppliers: Prepare as you would for a long holiday weekend by having at least a three-day supply of food and water (one gallon per person per day). The food industry is not only ready for Y2K, but it's resilient and accustomed to dealing with unexpected disruptions (e.g., storms). As always, it's a good idea to make purchases early.

Make a personal assessment of items and services that are critical to your family, including special items or services required by family members with special needs, such as infants, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Make sure you have adequate clothing,

tools and supplies, flashlights, batteries, a battery-powered radio and a first aid kit, as recommended by FEMA and the American Red Cross. For further information, visit: www.fema.gov/pte/emprep.htm and www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/rprep.html, or call FEMA at 1-800-480-2520.

Follow all appropriate safety instructions for fuel storage and use of heating and cooking devices or other emergency items.

Important Records: Keep copies of important records — particularly bank and financial statements, medical records and prescription drug information — in the few months before and after Jan. 1, 2000. When you receive a transaction receipt, check it for accuracy and save it to compare against your statement.

Develop a list of phone numbers for hospitals, police and fire departments and neighbors. If you decide to withdraw cash from your bank, hold only as much as you would for any holiday weekend. Withdrawing large amounts of cash is unnecessary and may invite theft. Remember that financial institutions are well prepared for the date change and you have more than one payment option (e.g., checks, credit cards, debit cards, traveler's checks).

Medicine: As always, refill prescription medications when you have a five-to-seven day supply remaining. The pharmaceutical and health care industries are confident, based on experience, that following this standard practice is all that is needed for Y2K. If you have any questions about your health care needs, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or other health care provider.

Gasoline: As you would in preparation for a winter storm, keep your automobile gas tank above half full. Service stations



are re-supplied regularly — sometimes as often as every other day.

Consumer Electronics: Check with manufacturers to see if the essential electronic equipment you use around your home is Y2K ready, especially personal computers, monitored security systems or programmable thermostats.

Telephones and Internet: Use telephones and the Internet only as necessary on January 1. "Testing" the systems to see if they work or engaging in long conversations could create delays greater than those experienced during high volume usage periods such as Mother's Day.

Scams: Beware of Y2K scams. Be skeptical if someone tries to sell you a product, service or investment that is "Y2K safe" or wishes to sell you Y2K insurance. Never give out your bank account, credit card or Social Security number unless you initiated the call or contact.

Editor's note — This article was prepared by the President's Council on Y2K Conversion

Federal Trade Commission alerts public to Y2K scammers

Consumers are warned to be alert for a number of scams involving credit cards, investment and product "miracle fixes" and telephone solicitations.

By Mr. Robert MacMillan
Newsbytes

WASHINGTON, DC (NB) —The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has released a warning to American consumers, putting them on the alert for Year 2000 scam artists who are taking advantage of warnings of date change problems to rob people of their money.

A new FTC brochure released today offers tips to consumers, warning them to be aware of suspicious phone calls that ask people to disclose their credit card numbers and bank account IDs because of contingency efforts to deal with the Year 2000 problem.

The FTC said that its "Y2K? Y 2 Care: Protecting Your Finances From Year 2000 Scam Artists" brochure was developed to institute a bulwark against fraudsters who want to take advantage of Americans who may offer personal information to people they think represent their credit card companies and banks, but are in fact thieves.

The FTC also highlighted its Year 2000 hotline number, 1-888-USA-4-Y2K, that provides similar information to the brochure. The agency said that scammers, claiming to be bank or credit card company representatives, have called consumers and that under no circumstances should customers treat the calls seriously.

Some of the tips the FTC recommended to consumers include:

Never give out personal information — including your bank account or credit card numbers — on the phone or the Internet unless you're familiar with the business and have initiated the contact.

Look for unauthorized charges against your credit card and bank account statements.

The real story on banking and financial institution compliance, the FTC said, is that these institutions already are required to be Year 2000-compliant, and that federal regulators are monitoring federally insured depository institutions such as banks, thrifts and credit unions.

The FTC also recommends that consumers call their own financial institutions to ask about their Year 2000 compliance plans, and "if you're not comfortable with the response, consider doing business elsewhere."

The agency also recommends that consumers start maintaining financial records if they don't already, and to, "at a minimum, keep a six-month paper trail."

Further information is available at the FTC Web site at www.ftc.gov.

Early Outs...

Hello Nellisites, I'm back and I hope all of you have been miserable.

itting back, but they make it so difficult to get out with all that paperwork

know, I'm here to help you. I've come up with some suggestions to help get out without all the red tape and formalities. This is a team effort, so all have to work together. So, unbuckle your seat belts and get out your orite beer mugs. Here we go.

it have a huge, out of control party. I don't mean a wimpy 10-person hering, I'm talking about a knock down, drag out, blow out PARTY.

You have to have enough booze to float a ship, no food, belligerent people, fights, music loud enough to make your ears bleed and lots and lots of kids playing around the hot grill and in the street.

The second, and my favorite step, is when people get so intoxicated that they're passed out on their feet — kick them out. Put them in their cars and make them

drive. Oh sure, you'll have some whiners — "I don't think I should drive."

Just smile and be reassuring. "Oh, you can drive, it's only a few miles."

Whatever you do, don't let them stay overnight at your house. And never feed them. If they want to be big shots, let them drink on an empty stomach.

One last tip. When you get them in the car, make sure no one uses a seat belt. I'm always looking new recruits no matter how many pieces they're in.

Time to review: Big party, lots of alcohol, no food, no non-alcoholic drinks, lots of tots playing in the street and fast cars. Remember, this will help your "friends" get out.

Why don't you also attend a similar party in the near future? Then I'll be seeing you soon, too...

Grim







Commentary: Thanksgiving a time to reflect on blessings

By F. Whitten Peters, secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff

By Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Combat Command commander

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As Americans, our great fortune is to live in a country full of hope and prosperity — a country that promises liberty for all of its citizens. Traditionally, we have set aside Thanksgiving as a day to celebrate the many blessings we enjoy as people of this great nation.

Like those who began this tradition, our Armed Forces continue to proudly carry the torch of freedom.

Thanksgiving commemorates the Pilgrims' first harvest more than three centuries ago after traveling to a distant and unknown land in pursuit of an ideal. They held that historic feast to give thanks for the peace, prosperity and religious freedom they found in the "New World."

As we gather this Thanksgiving, let us reflect on the blessings we enjoy today and acknowledge the selflessness of the men and women of our Air Force in assuring our security and freedom. Again this year, nearly 90,000 Air Force members are stationed or deployed overseas, many separated from family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their loved ones as they perform their vital missions.

To all the members of our great Air Force — active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian and retired, and your families — thank you for your dedication and commitment. We salute you for continuing our rich legacy of service and for upholding the ideals of democracy.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charleston, Mass., held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune in their newly - established community. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the council clerk, to issue a proclamation that June 29 be a day of thanksgiving.

In the proclamation, Rawson stated, "It certainly bespeaks our positive thankfulness, when our enemies are in any measure disappointed or destroyed." Three years later, a hot and dry spring and summer left crops dying in the fields.

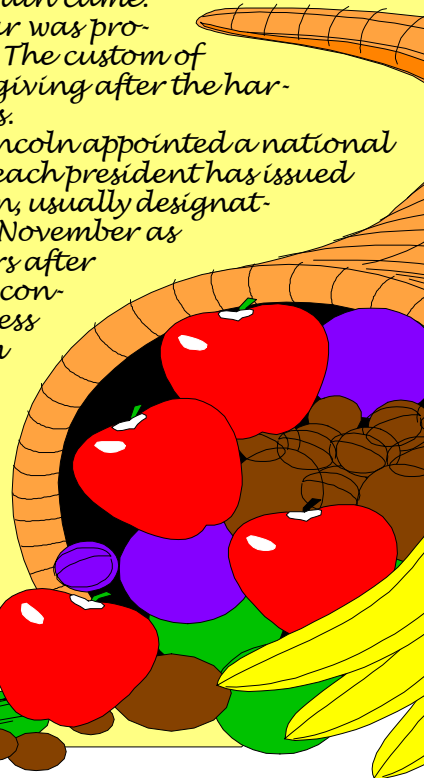
Pilgrim Governor William Bradford ordered a day of fasting and prayer, and it was soon thereafter that the rain came.

To celebrate, Nov. 29 of that year was proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving after the harvest continued through the years.

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday. More than 320 years after the original Thanksgiving, we continue to set aside a day to express our thanks for freedom from fear.

It is people like you, the men and women of Air Combat Command, who lead the charge to ensure our nation's continued security. Through your dedicated service, valor and steadfastness, at home or deployed, you perpetuate the

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ATTENTION

The pharmacy has received notification of a drug recall for insect sting (Ana-Kit) manufactured by Hollister-Stier Labs. The following lot numbers are affected: AK344 to AK363 and AK366.

The epinephrine injection in the kit may be subpotent and/or discolored. If you have one of those kits, contact the pharmacy for a replacement product.

For questions or concerns, call 653-3201 or 653-3211.

Where are you going?



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

By Chief Master Sgt. Paul Tesch
99th Communications Squadron

"Where do you want to go today?" This slogan was part of an advertising campaign for a major software company a few years ago and it challenged people to think about what they wanted to do with their computer software.

With a small change in words, this particular slogan can make a big difference in our Air Force careers and our personal growth and development. "Where do I want to be in one year?" This slight twist in words can be a great help in establishing personal and professional goals.

Career development and personal growth can be stimulated and nurtured through the setting and achievement of goals. A simple way of setting a goal is to ask yourself, "Where do I want to be in one year?" In fact, by changing the time period to one year, or five

years, or even longer, you have established short-term, intermediate, and long-term goals. This simple question should make you focus on what or where you want your career or personal life to be the next 12 months, the next five years, or the next 20 years.

Short-term goals are usually goals that can be accomplished in the next 6 to 12 months. These goals could include career goals such as getting selected for promotion or they could be educational in nature such as completing a college class or classes. Other short-term goals may be losing 10 pounds, starting an investment program, or even getting more involved with your kids and their activities.

Intermediate goals, of course, take a little longer to achieve, somewhere between 1 and 5 years, but they are extremely important to your personal or career development. Intermediate goals could be things such as obtaining your CCAF degree or a higher educational degree. They also could include expanding your investment program, making another promotion, or a wide variety of other activities or goals.

Long-term goals are usually goals that will take longer than five years. These could include retiring from the Air Force, setting up a second career or business, or continuing work on an advanced academic degree. Other long-

term goals could be to have a house or property paid off or nearly paid off, financial independence, or a multitude of other things.

Now that you've thought about where you'd like to be in the near future and down the road a bit, how do you get there from here?

You must start with a self-assessment and no, I'm not talking about some sort of Freudian psychological evaluation. It simply means evaluating exactly where you are right now in your life and career and then figuring out where you'd like to be in 12 months, five years, or 20 years. Once you have a conceptual idea of where you would like to go, then you can start setting your goals for the short-term, the intermediate years, and finally, the long-term. The important thing to realize is that these goals should be unique to you. Everyone has different aspirations and dreams. What is one person's goal or goals may be totally different than the next person's.

The important thing to remember is that in order to get somewhere in our lives or careers, we need to establish goals and strive to achieve them. Without having a plan of attack or a place we want to get to, we are just spinning our wheels and not really going anywhere. So, as another New Year approaches with the requisite New Year's resolutions, what better time to ask, "where are you going?"



Action Line

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652-4636



Col. Andrew Dichter
99th Air Base Wing
commander

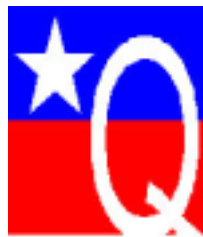
Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Andrew Dichter. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail address: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044
Commissary - 643-7919
Child Development Center I - 652-4241
Child Development Center II - 652-5885
Finance (mil-pay) - 652-4844
Fitness Center - 652-6433
Hospital Appointment Desk - 653-2778
Hospital Information Desk - 653-2222
Legal Office - 652-4213
Mountain View Dining Facility - 652-4764
Public Affairs - 652-2750
Safety - 652-7604
Security Forces - 652-2311
TRICARE - 653-2500

Lemon Lot customer soured by stolen items



I just want to let the Nellis community know that the Privately Owned Vehicle Sales Lot (Lemon Lot) is not as safe and secure as you may think. Just because your vehicle is parked on an Air Force installation doesn't mean it is automatically protected from theft. I recently placed my trailer on the lemon lot to sell and discovered that someone had stolen the spare tire and rim off of my trailer. It's too bad that there are Air Force members ripping off other Air Force member's property on base, but it does happen. So take my advice and lockup or remove anything of value that can easily be stolen if you place a vehicle on the lemon lot for sale.



Las Vegas and Clark County experience a lot of theft and crime. While Nellis is quite a bit safer than downtown, we are not exempt. Unfortunately what you state about theft on this base is true and it extends beyond the POV Sales lot. Occurrences of theft are all too frequent.

The registration slip you completed to put your trailer on the POV sales lot advises customers to keep the vehicle secure and locked and to remove anything of value from your vehicle. These warnings are provided because of past experiences such as yours. Individuals should take proper regard to protect valuables — on the sales lot, at the gym, in your dorm, and elsewhere.

Your experience also can serve as a "wake-up call" for everyone to be on alert for suspicious activity. Team Nellis' crime stop efforts are good, but with a little more attentiveness on everyone's part, we can instill a climate that makes it even more difficult for thieves.

We regret that you were a victim of this crime and experienced the property loss.

I ask everyone to report suspicious activity immediately to our Law Enforcement Desk at 652-2311.



Base officials asks everyone to not dump garbage, broken appliances, unusable furniture or other trash in back of the Airman's Attic in Cafarelli Court. There are facilities on and off-base where such things are accepted for disposal.

If there are questions about what things can be donated to the Airman's Attic, call the Family Support Center Relocation Office at 652-3327.



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Thanksgiving

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ideals of freedom for all.

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. It provides each of us an opportunity to reflect upon the heritage, tremendous opportunities and rich blessings associated with this great nation. It's also an opportunity to give thanks for our families, health and livelihood.

I ask each of you to pause during this special day and offer thanks for the bountiful blessings we share as individuals, as families and as a nation. I also ask that you remember those deployed and separated from family and friends.

Finally, consider what an important role you play in ensuring our country can continue to enjoy our way of life. In large part, the values we share and the freedoms we enjoy are possible thanks to you — the men, women, military and civilian — who serve this country so well. Each of you plays an integral role in accomplishing our mission. I salute you and extend my deepest appreciation for the magnificent work you do.

Karen and I hope you enjoy the holiday with family and friends, and we wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Videophone

The Nellis family support center offers a free, private 15-minute videophone call to deployed family members twice each month. The program is called Hearts Apart Moral Call Program. The holiday season is one of the video-phone program's most popular times. Since the program's inception in August 1997, hundreds of families have enjoyed a face-to-face video call to their deployed loved ones. The only requirement is the videophone service must be available at the remote site. To schedule an appointment for the videophone or to learn more about the Hearts Apart Moral Call Program call 652-3327.



Photo by Mr. Tony Taylor



Nellis News

Announcements

Appropriated fund postage

Due to the upcoming holidays, the Base Information Transfer Center would like to remind everyone on the unauthorized uses of appropriated fund postage.

Appropriated fund postage is not authorized for personal mail, holiday and birthday greetings, retirement announcements, completed employment applications, resumes and similar material.

However, activities may use appropriated fund postage for holiday greetings when international diplomacy dictates. Official announcements of official retirement ceremonies may be mailed using appropriated fund postage.

The location and time of a reception related to the retirement or change of command ceremony may be noted if it does not result in any increase in cost to the government, and the notation does not include advertisement for or endorsement of any enterprise.

Adopt-A-Family Program

Opportunities will open up Tuesday for anyone wishing to adopt a less fortunate Nellis family so they will have a happier holiday season.

Any organization or individual interested in adopting a family may contact their unit first sergeant for more information or call 652-6698.

Classes/Meetings

Parenting classes

The Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital has classes for expectant parents. *Sibling classes* will be offered monthly to children aged three and up who are expecting a new brother or sister. The scheduled dates are Dec. 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Space is limited to seven children per class.

The "Refresher Childbirth" class for seasoned parents will be held Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Six two-hour "Prepared Childbirth" classes are given monthly for first time parents at no charge. There are day and evening classes, but space is limited. Call Maj. Elizabeth Cowles at 653-3508 to register.

Postpartum classes are scheduled twice a month. These classes are given by Family Advocacy at the Health and Wellness Center.

Sign up in the OB clinic.

Retiree news

CBI veterans meeting

The Silver State Basha of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at noon Saturday at Marie Callenders on the southeast corner of Decatur and Flamingo.

Airman convicted of larceny, conspiracy, drug possession

By Capt. Russell Leavitt
Staff Judge Advocate

Senior Airman David Harrison was convicted Oct. 21 of conspiring with another member to steal prescription painkillers from the pharmacy at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital.

The other member, a lower ranking subordinate, had a system of obtaining painkillers by creating bogus prescriptions in the hospital's computer system.

Airman Harrison, who was a staff sergeant at the time, learned of this plan and asked to be included in it. The member allowed Airman Harrison to participate in the scheme in exchange for a share of any drugs Airman Harrison was able to obtain. The member placed phony prescriptions for painkillers made out to Airman Harrison.

On at least two occasions Airman Harrison picked up phony prescriptions at the hospital pharmacy with the intent to distribute to the subordinate illegally prescribed painkillers.

The military court, composed of three officers and three enlisted members, sentenced Airman Harrison to three months hard labor without confinement, restriction to Nellis for two months, a fine of \$500 and reduction to the grade of E-1. None of the punishment will be imposed on Airman Harrison until after the convening authority takes action on this case.

Airman Harrison had already received numerous rehabilitative actions to include six Letters of Reprimand, two Article 15s and various Letters of Counseling prior to this court-martial.

The government argued for reduction in grade to E-1, two years confinement for a crime which the Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes 17 years confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

The government believed this was justified by the seriousness of any theft or controlled substances and by the fact that a noncommissioned officer had engaged in criminal activity with a junior ranking member.

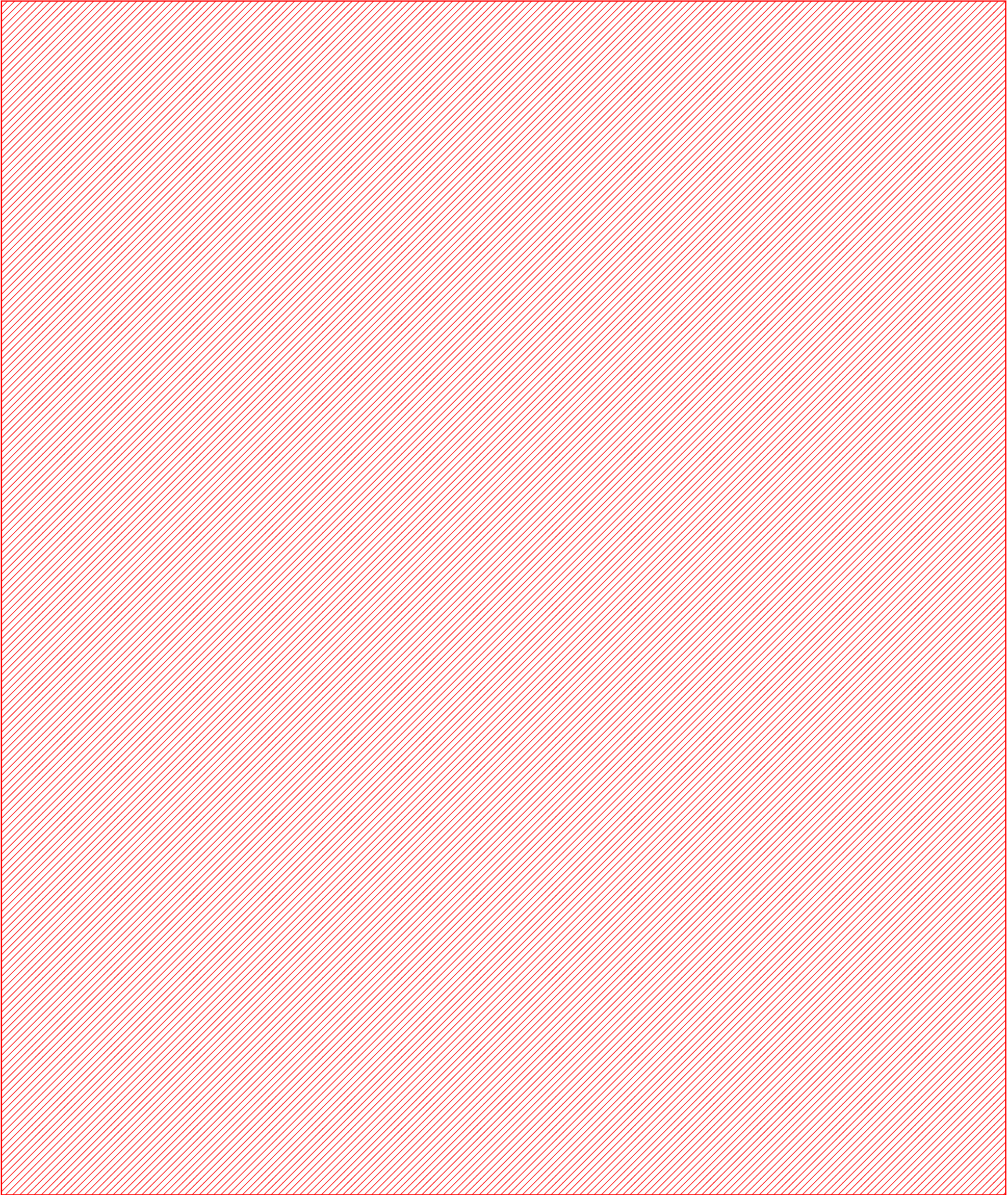
Airman Harrison's co-conspirator had pled guilty earlier in the week to similar charges and had been sentenced by a military judge to one year confinement, a bad conduct discharge and reduction to the grade of E-1.

The members adjudged to confinement for Airman Harrison in this case. Thus, while his coconspirator will be in confinement for the next year, Airman Harrison has returned to the squadron where he committed his crimes.



In last week's Bullseye, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was incorrectly identified as being in Virginia.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Maguire was incorrectly identified as Staff Sgt. Murray.





Counting his blessings...

American veteran's ordeal illustrates meaning of Thanksgiving

By Ms. Susan McCarty
AWFC/PA

Thanksgiving Day has its own special meaning to most Americans, civilian and military.

One American veteran, a former hostage of Saddam Hussein, has more reason than most to appreciate the rights and privileges of his native land.

For more than four months in 1990, Mr. Roland Bergheer was one of more than 58 Americans held against their will in the American Ambassador's residence in Baghdad. The Americans and other foreign hostages were termed "guests" by Saddam Hussein, despite heated protests by their respective governments. Immediately after the takeover, there were more than 110 Americans at the residence, but women, children, the aged and those with serious medical conditions were eventually allowed to leave the country.

At the time, the Bechtel Corporation employed Mr. Bergheer as a logistics and traffic manager. He worked in Saudi Arabia and other areas of the Middle East before moving to Baghdad to help build a petro-chemical complex.

"I liked Iraq very much," he said. "Iraqis are a wonderful people and the country is rich in history everywhere. You could go see Babylon, for Pete's sake."

Before the Iraqi hostilities against Kuwait began, Mr. Bergheer said it was obvious "something was going on."

"We knew because of the increased military presence in the city. The whole psyche of the Iraqi people changed," he explained, "then they (the Iraqi government) closed the museums, airports and the borders."

Mr. Bergheer said he was warned about the potential situation by Mr. Joel Wilson, the United States Ambassador's chargé d'affaire. "I got a call early in the morning of Aug. 19, 1990, and was told to pack a small bag and get over to the Ambassador's residence, which was about eight



Photo by Ms. Susan McCarty

Mr. Roland Bergheer, U.S. Military veteran and former Iraqi hostage

kilometers from the hotel. It was kind of hair-raising because of the Iraqi internal police, but some of my co-workers and I acted like we were going to work. We took a cab to an intersection by the embassy residence, paid the driver and ran to the entrance."

According to Mr. Bergheer, Saddam Hussein at first ordered only Americans and British held at the Sheraton Hotel in Baghdad.

"He wanted us isolated in particular because he feared President Bush and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher," he said.

During their captivity, conditions at the embassy residence were extremely uncomfortable due to the amount of people held there.

"At the residence we were assigned sleeping arrangements more or less according to our positions," Mr. Bergheer recalled. "It was very crowded. Being given a spot on the carpet meant you were pretty high up."

Mr. Bergheer credited his extensive military background with helping him deal with the stress better than some of the younger captives. He

served with the Merchant Marines during World War II, the Air Force during the Korean War and the Coast Guard and Naval Reserve during the Vietnam War, but believes no one is ever prepared to deal with that kind of situation.

"In spite of all of my war background I was never as frightened as when I was a hostage," he admitted. "You simply don't know what's going on. You never expect or get used to being harassed daily by the guards surrounding the grounds."

According to Mr. Bergheer, Iraqi regular army personnel were used to guard the residence at first. "They seemed to be pretty decent, but we found out Saddam Hussein got wind of that and replaced them with his Republican Guards," he said. "They were deadly. There was no fraternization with those people."

On Sept. 1, 1990, the Iraqi government took American husbands and fathers of those allowed to leave the country away from the residence on the pretense of "examining their identification," according to Mr. Bergheer. "We never saw them again. Later we discovered they were sent to work sites to be used as human shields," he said.

During their captivity, the American hostages dealt with constant taunts and real physical threats from the Republican Guard, food shortages, a lack of privacy and sanitary conditions and the constant uncertainty of their future.

Mr. Bergheer, who was elected spokesman for the hostages, was often called on to report on their condition and his own opinions on the situation. In one television interview, Mr. Bergheer was asked how he would feel if a pre-emptive military strike were launched against Baghdad by the United States, which had been discussed to some extent by the government and in the press.

"I said I had the utmost faith in our commander-in-chief and if he ordered a pre-emptive strike I'd consider myself expendable," he said

simply.

He credits Mr. Wilson with unyielding, staunch support of the hostages through out their ordeal.

"Joel went to the Iraqi Embassy every single day to protest our captivity in the strongest possible terms," he said. "He was incredibly diligent in his efforts to have us released, working under the most extreme pressure."

That Thanksgiving, a favorite holiday of Mr. Bergheer's, was a very busy and bittersweet day. He had a number of interviews scheduled with American and foreign television reporters, yet was anxious to get back to the embassy residence in order to celebrate with his co-captors.

"We were allowed to celebrate the holiday because of Hussein's propaganda machine," Mr. Bergheer said. "We had all the trappings. We were still his 'guests,' but it was very important for me to be there with the others. We still didn't know what was going to happen. We could have been killed the next morning."

Finally, on Dec. 9, Mr. Wilson informed Mr. Bergheer that the Iraqi government finally gave the Americans approval to leave.

"We didn't suspect what was coming. We thought we were going to die – probably by our own bombs," Mr. Bergheer said. "When we were allowed to go to the airport, there was the most glorious plane in the world. A lot of foreigners joined the Americans on the plane. There were very tearful good-byes"

Mr. Wilson and four of his loyal staff members stayed on in Baghdad until every American was evacuated from the city, according to Mr. Bergheer. "On Dec. 10 they lowered the United States flag and quit the embassy, still at diplomatic odds with Iraq. They made darn sure all of us were out and safe before they shut down."

Editors note – Since his release, Mr. Bergheer has reunited with Mr. Wilson and several of the other captives. He now resides in Las Vegas and Spain.



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Salutes

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Congratulations to the following Community College of the Air Force graduates and scholarship winners:

Eagle Grants (Air Force Association)
Tech. Sgt. Loyed Stanley
Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline DeRocco
Staff Sgt. Kym Gibson
Senior Airman Kimberly Hawthorne

Air Force Sergeants Association
Master Sgt. Randall Webster
Staff Sgt. David B. Fredkin

CCAF October graduates
11th Reconnaissance Squadron
Senior Airman Blake D. Morrow

15th Reconnaissance Squadron
Master Sgt. Randall L. Webster

372nd Training Squadron
Staff Sgt. Marco A. Carlos
Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Carpenter
Staff Sgt. Brian P. Cassels
Staff Sgt. Duane F. Dobbins
Staff Sgt. Geraldo Hubbard Jr.
Staff Sgt. Donald L. Prandy
Staff Sgt. Gregory L. Vinson

57th Aircraft Generation Squadron
Staff Sgt. Howard S. Adler
Senior Airman Albert Badstein Jr.

Tech. Sgt. Alfredo V. Flores
Staff Sgt. Archie E. Godwin
Tech. Sgt. Jeferey G. Gross
Master Sgt. William P. Lara
Senior Master Sgt. Roger A. Liermann
Master Sgt. Alfonso R. Smiley Jr.

57th Component Repair Squadron
Master Sgt. Danny Wong
Senior Airman Kimberly A. Hawthorne
Staff Sgt. Chad A. Parks
Senior Airman Justin B. Radford
Tech. Sgt. Joseph C. Worth
Senior Airman Patricia A. Young

57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Myrna B. Guese
Tech. Sgt. Edward R. Harner
Master Sgt. Velma O. Stradford

57th Logistics Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kym N. Gibson
Senior Master Sgt. Larry D. Jones
Staff Sgt. Melissa L. Parsons

57th Operations Support Squadron
Master Sgt. Michael W. Clark
Senior Airman Jesus Guillen Jr.
Staff Sgt. Richard Jack III

57th Wing Command Post
Tech. Sgt. Roderick L. Dycus

66th Rescue Squadron
Senior Airman David A. Balog
Staff Sgt. James R. Ellenbert
Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery Jones

820th RED HORSE Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey L. Leblond
Senior Airman Dennis J. Maldonado

Staff Sgt. David L. Smith

896th Munitions Squadron
Master Sgt. Paul S. Dominguez

99th Airbase Wing
Staff Sgt. David B. Fredkin
Master Sgt. John A. Zgainer

99th Civil Engineer Squadron
Master Sgt. Larry J. Barger
Master Sgt. Patrick S. Reed

99th Contracting Squadron
Staff Sgt. Darryl J. Denis

99th Communications Squadron
Master Sgt. John J. Brant
Master Sgt. Brian L. Duke
Tech. Sgt. William S. Holden
Senior Airman Stephen E. Watkin

99th Medical Operations Squadron
Master Sgt. Michael L. Fason

99th Medical Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Joffrey C. Alagao

99th Mission Support Squadron
Chief Master Sgt. Theresa A. Bowe
Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline L. Derocco
Staff Sgt. Loyed D. Stanley

99th Range Management Office
Senior Airman Jenry G. Heren IV

99th Security Forces Operations Flight
Senior Airman Milton J. Jones II

99th Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Brad S. Janacek

Senior Airman John S. Schoonmaker
Staff Sgt. Scott A. Weidner

99th Supply Squadron
Staff Sgt. Veronica Blunt

99th Services Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Anderson

Thunderbirds
Staff Sgt. John R. Schwartz
Staff Sgt. Charles W. Vosvick



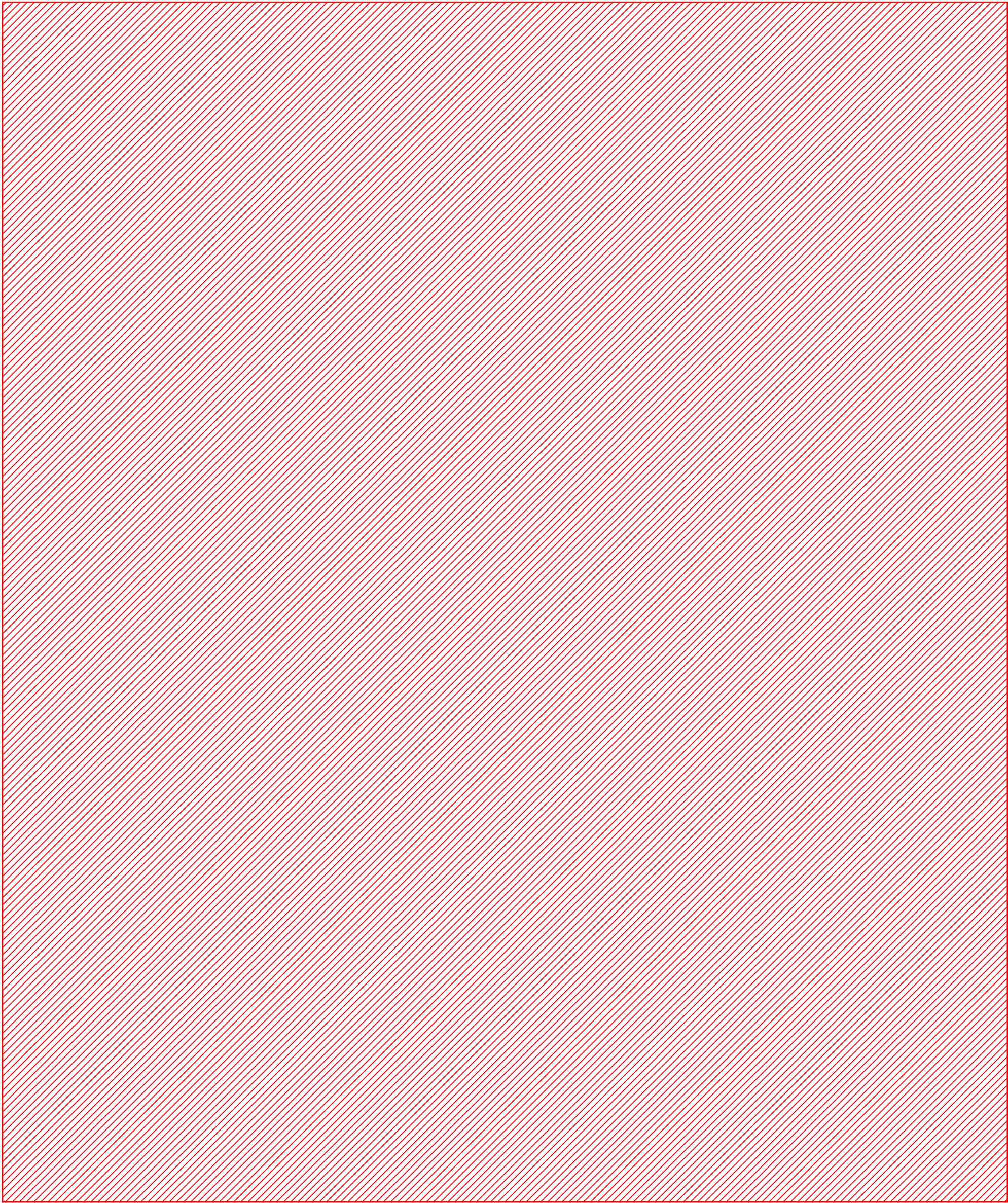
Congratulations to the following Senior NCO Academy graduates:
99th Range Support Squadron
Distinguished Graduate Senior Master Sgt. Larry D. Gaer

99th Supply Squadron
Senior Master Sgt. Michael A. Pollard

Thunderbirds
Senior Master Sgt. Mary M. Kochel

57th Operations Support Squadron
Senior Master Sgt. Richard K. Johnston





Nellis Living

American Red Cross
652-2106

Orientation

Orientation for Red Cross volunteers is held at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital at 10 a.m. every Friday, however there will be no orientation this Friday, Dec. 17, 24 and 31.

Chapel
652-2950

Catholic worship schedule

Mass: Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. Saturday: Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship schedule

Sunday: Gospel Service: 8 a.m.

Traditional Service: 11:15 a.m.

Classes and activities

Catholic: Classes for age 3 through 12th grade each Sunday from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. A Sacramental Class is also offered Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Adult RCIA: Adults who want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, come to RCIA Sundays at 1:45 p.m. at the Chapel Annex.

Protestant: Religious education classes (18 months-adult) every Sunday from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel (grades 7 through 12) meet every Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. There will be no meeting Sunday, Nov. 28.

Singles meet every Wednesday from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. The study topic is a video series on the Song of Solomon. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Charlie Stutts at 652-2950 or Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Barron at 614-0806.

Position opening

The Protestant Parish is currently seeking applicants for the position of Chancel Choir Director at the 11:15 General Protestant worship service.

The closing date for accepting bids will be Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened on Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. and the contract will be awarded.

To pick up a position description, or for further questions, please contact Maj. Michael Moore at 652-2950.

Ecumenical singles' Thanksgiving dinner

The dinner will be held Thursday at noon at Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Barron's home. For more information, call the base chapel.

Please see special holiday schedule on Page 18

Education Center
652-5180

Unique opportunity

Gonzaga University will be offering a graduate program leading to Nevada State teacher certification. The Master of Initial Teaching provides opportunity for individuals with a

bachelor's degree to study for certification at the elementary and secondary levels. One emphasis area will be available for those with a background in computers and/or technology.

The programs will be offered at a location and times convenient to the base community. An information briefing will be held Dec. 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 319 of the Education Center. Call 652-5280.

Counseling services

Community College of Southern Nevada is now offering counseling services at Nellis. Call CCSN at 652-5527 to schedule an appointment or visit their office in Bldg. 20, Room 318.

Study and test taking skills

The Education Center offers classes twice a month in two-day increments for three hours each day. The next classes are from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monday and Tuesday and Dec. 9-10. Classes are open to military and civil service employees and family members. Call 652-5280.

Tuition assistance

All Nellis personnel receiving tuition assistance must have a TA form filled out and approved prior to enrollment in any class. Failure to have it at the time of registration will result in the student being fully responsible for the full amount. There will be no exceptions.

University of Oklahoma

Applications and enrollments for Spring 2000 are now being accepted for the Master of Public Administration program at the University of Oklahoma. For more information, call Ms. Laurie Boetcher at 652-9453 or e-mail to ounellis@aol.com.

2000 Spring Semester

CCSN and UNLV will start the on-base spring semester in January. Course schedules are expected in mid-December and will be posted on the 99MSS/Education web page. See a counselor about your courses now. Walk-in hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Enlisted Club
652-9733

Club closure

The club is getting new carpet this month. The dining room and cashiers cage will be closed through Friday. The lounge will be open regular hours during this time. The club will return to regular operation on Saturday.

Family Support Center
652-3327

Intro to Career Focus program

Learn job hunting/seeking tips and general employment data about the local area every Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Volunteer opportunities

Serve the Nellis community as a volunteer at the Thrift Shop. The shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday Morning Live

The new videophone service for family mem-

bers of those who are deployed, TDY or remote is offered by appointment only on the first Saturday of the month at the FSC between 8 and 11 a.m.

In and Out budget

Set up your own budget. Bring your income statements, a record of all your monthly payments and a hand calculator on Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Predeployment briefing

This will be held Mondays and 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and is designed to help Nellis Community members prepare for a TDY, deployment or remote assignment. Spouses are welcome.

Health & Wellness Center
653-3376

Web page and e-mail address

The HAWC web site is 99mdg.nellis.af.mil/hawc1.htm. and the e-mail address is AMDS.HAWC@nellis.af.mil

Massage therapy

The HAWC offers full massage and back rub therapy. Appointments are available Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the HAWC at 653-3375 or 653-3376.

Back-rub therapy sessions costs are \$5 for 5 minutes; \$12 for 15 minutes and \$22 for 30 minutes. Table massage sessions costs are \$25 for 30 minutes and \$45 for 60 minutes.

Your total well-being

This comprehensive program includes a Cholesterol and Blood Pressure screening, fitness assessment, body fat analysis, health risk appraisal. Based on fitness results and personal goals, an exercise program is prescribed to meet your wellness needs. To make an appointment call the HAWC.

Ticket and Tours
652-2192

1200 unit phone card sale

Through Saturday, 200 unit phone cards will be offered at a discounted price. Cost for the cards is \$20 each, which is 10 cents a minute. Call ITT for more information.

Outdoor Recreation
652-8967

Hours change

Beginning Nov. 28, Outdoor Recreation will no longer be open on Sundays. For more information call 652-8967.

Skills Development Center
652-2794

Furniture kits available

New selections of furniture kits are now on sale. Assemble yourself, or have Skills Development do it. The staff can also make any kind of furniture wanted, just bring in a photo. Call Mr. Gerry Cunningham for more information, or stop by to see the selection.

Fine-line engraving

Rotary and laser engraving on such items as clocks, plaques, desk plates, pen sets and nametags is now available. New state-of-the-art equipment turns your ideas into reality. Visit our on-site expert for more information.

Family Christmas ceramics

The family is invited to Skills Development to make a Christmas Santa mask on Saturday. Cost is \$20 for one adult and one child. A \$5 charge will be added for each additional child. The class starts at 10 a.m. and ends when all projects have been completed. Call to reserve your space.

Youth Center
652-9307

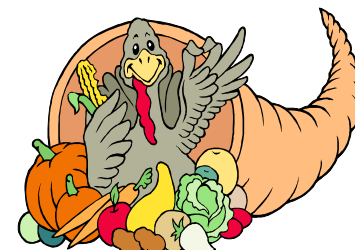
National Family Appreciation Week

Activities are planned through Friday for families to get together for fun. Today is a full night of bingo and Friday everyone plays volleyball. No activities are planned for Thanksgiving Day. Call the Youth Center for more information.

Winter camp registration

Registration begins Monday and the camp runs Dec. 20-30. The Youth Center will be closed Dec. 24 and 25. Participants must be aged 6 to 12. Fees are based on a sliding fee scale. Proof of total household income and current immunization record are required to register. The program provides meals, activities and field trips.

Thanksgiving Hours



The 99th Service facilities will be closed or will close early Wednesday:

Youth Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Family Child Care will be closed.

Community Center will be closed.

All 99th Services facilities will be closed Thursday except the following:

Time Out Sports Lounge will be open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Officers' Club will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the all ranks. Thanksgiving dinner only.

Sports & Fitness Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mountain View Inn dining facility will be open from 6 to 8 a.m.; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

Red Horse Inn will be open from 7 to 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and 4 to 6 p.m.

All 99th Services facilities will be open Friday except the following:

Officers' Club; Child Development Center I and II; Family Child Care; Community Center; Veterinary Clinic; Skills Development Center.

Bowling Center will be open from noon to 1 a.m.



Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. Call 652-5020 for more information.

Friday

Double Jeopardy (R)

Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd

Action thriller about a young woman who, after serving eight years in prison, tracks down her husband, who faked his own death and framed her for the murder as part of an insurance scam. Language, a sexuality scene, some violence.

Today's show times at 7 and 9:15 p.m.

Sat., Sun. & Mon.

Three Kings (R)

George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg

A band of American soldiers in Iraq at the end of the Gulf War embark on a treasure hunt for a huge cache of stolen Kuwaiti gold reportedly buried somewhere near their desert base. Graphic violence, language and sexuality.

☆ Closed Tuesday and Wednesday ☆

Dec. 2, 3

Three To Tango (PG-13)

Matthew Perry, Neve Campbell

Oscar is a young architect on the rise who may have finally found the woman of his dreams, but she believes him to be gay. In short order, Oscar's friends, family, even strangers on the street believe he is gay. The very heterosexual Oscar becomes the most famous gay man in Chicago, and his entire life is turned upside-down. Sex-related situations and language.

Dec. 4, 5

Blue Streak (PG-13)

Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson

Jewel thief Miles Logan wants to get his diamond back and then disappear for a while but when he poses as a cop to retrieve his loot, he gets a rep

as one of the boldest, baddest, funniest cops to flash an L.A.P.D. badge. If he isn't careful, he may get just what he deserves...a promotion. Action violence, language and crude humor.

Dec. 6

Random Hearts (R)

Harrison Ford, Kristin Scott Thomas

When an airplane carrying Dutch's wife and Kay's husband crashes into the Chesapeake Bay with no survivors, it marks the beginning of a mystery that leads Dutch and Kay to disturbing and shocking information about their spouses, bringing these strangers together in an unlikely romance. Brief violence, sexuality and language.

☆ Closed Tuesday and Wednesday ☆

Dec. 9, 10

The Story of Us (R)

Michelle Pfeiffer, Bruce Willis

After 15 years of marriage, Ben and Katie Jordan are wrestling with a universal paradox: why are the qualities that made them fall in love in the first place now the very things pulling them apart? Language and brief sexuality.

ATTENTION



HOLDERS

Interest rates from the enlisted club membership, currently listed at 13.25% can be dropped to 9.9% by calling the 800 number on the back of your card and requesting the change.





The Great American Smokeout five-kilometer run/walk

The 5k run/walk, held Nov. 18, was to support the Great American Smokeout. This day was set aside nationally to encourage people to quit smoking for the day or maybe for life. The following people place in each age category:

MEN

18-29

- 1st Paul Fredsholm
- 2nd Austin Sorensen
- 3rd Terrance Miller

30-39

- 1st Antonio Lunia
- 2nd Randy Hiuiard
- 3rd Tracy Chop

40-49

- 1st Albert Fairweather
- 2nd George Verasco
- 3rd Richard Johnston

50+

- 1st Tony Taylor
- 2nd Billy Cornelius
- 3rd Phillip Barnes

WOMEN

18-29

- 1st Amy Merrihew
- 2nd Vanessa Blue-Blanco
- 3rd Nicole Eisenrich

30-39

- 1st Dawneen Williams
- 2nd Karla Mayfield
- 3rd Barbar Mauntel

40-49

- 1st Sandy Kenna
- 2nd Carol Padilla-Boyd
- 3rd Cindy Harrel



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

Scrimmage

The All-Star Armed Forces Basketball team, the Silver Bandits, practices at the Nellis gym before their exhibition game against the Las Vegas Silver Bullets on Nov. 22. The Silver Bandits team is comprised of two Air Force members, three Army members, four Marines and four Navy members.

The goal of the Air Force is to reduce tobacco use by 2% per year. One of the best ways to kick the habit is physical exercise. Quitting the tobacco habit and physical fitness improves your health and improved health improves the mission. To learn more how to quit the tobacco habit contact the Health and Wellness Center at 653-3375 or 653-3376.

Nellis Chapel holiday schedule (Nov. 23 through Jan. 2)

Protestant Holiday Schedule:

- Dec. 5 - Christmas Canata
- Dec. 5 - Sunday School Children's Christmas Program followed by base tree lighting ceremony
- Dec. 12 - Christmas Canata
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Christmas Eve Service with Communion

Jewish Holiday Schedule:

- Dec. 4 - Hanukkah begins

8 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

11:15 a.m.

7 p.m.

9 p.m.

Sundown

Catholic Holiday Schedule:

- Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day Mass
- Dec. 4 - First Reconciliation
- Advent Family Night Potluck
- Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 24 - Children's Christmas Mass
- Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass
- Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 2 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10 a.m.

10 a.m.

6 p.m.

11:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

5 p.m.

11 p.m.

10 a.m.

5 p.m.

9:45 a.m./

12:30 p.m.



Anthrax misinfo puts airmen at risk

By Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Since the Department of Defense made vaccination mandatory, anthrax has become a hot topic of conversation.

Many service members — active, Guard and Reserve — may have jeopardized their military careers due to information gained from potentially unreliable sources. Pilots, lately the most visible challengers of the anthrax vaccination program, stand to risk the most.

Or do they?

“Much of our earning capacity as airline pilots occurs in the final years that we serve with the airline,” said Brig. Gen. Myron Ashcraft, chief of staff, Ohio Air National Guard and a United Airlines pilot. “For that reason, it is imperative that we reach age 60, mandatory retirement age, still able to pass a physical examination every six months.”

In recent testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y.,

said, “25 of the 48 pilots at Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., have submitted resignations to be held in the event mandatory anthrax vaccination goes forward. Most of them happen to be airline pilots, very much concerned about their physical conditions following vaccination.”

This statement speaks directly to a common rumor in the flying world that civilian airlines won’t hire military pilots who have taken the anthrax vaccine.

“I have been a commercial airline pilot since 1978 and can assure you that anything that might jeopardize my career has my full attention,” Ashcraft said.

But according to the general, the anthrax vaccination is a non-issue for commercial airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration’s Aeromedical Certification Division.

Taking the anthrax shot has no effect on airline hiring and no effect on being granted a civilian medical certificate, according to Ashcraft.

“United (Airlines) does not even

ask if you have had the shots,” he said.

So where can a pilot or service member turn for factual, objective information on anthrax and the vaccination? One place is the Anthrax Tool Kit, sponsored by the U.S. Air Force Medical Service.

Although written for commanders to use when briefing members, the site provides information on medical deferrals, exemptions, frequently asked questions, religious waivers, and consumer information. The tool kit also offers a list of references and links to other objective, informative sites that address the history and dangers of anthrax, among other topics.

This site is currently restricted to “.mil” hits only, and must be accessed from a computer authorized for access to .mil sites. However, Air Force officials are working to release the site into the public domain.

Until then, the tool kit is available to military members at <http://sgwww.satx.disa.mil/moasgop/restricted/ccaindex.cfm>

People First: Personal financial management key to a secure future

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — It is never too soon to start planning for your financial future.

While military and civilian retirement systems provide many benefits, proper financial planning can augment these and greatly enhance quality of life for individual and families. To assist airmen, family members, and Department of Defense civilians in developing the best possible plan for their financial future, the Air Force has established a well-trained cadre of financial management counselors.

Family support centers throughout the Air Force provide personal financial management as one of

their core services. Counselors offer a variety of workshops including home buying, understanding mutual funds, long-term investments, relocation planning and retirement planning.

Additionally, the program offers assistance in budget preparation, debt consolidation and consumer economics.

Also available is one-on-one counseling to assist individuals and couples in designing a financial plan for their specific needs and goals. The personal financial management program is also a key element in the complete package of transition assistance services offered through

the Family Support Center.

The staff emphasizes the importance of financial preparation to any successful career or life change. They offer assistance in analyzing current status and developing goals and action plans for continued success. Counselors are available both for individual appointments and to give presentations to units and organizations.

Their goal is to assist the entire Air Force family in enhancing their financial security.

More information on the personal financial management program, call the Family Support Center at 652-3327.

AAFES to offer discounts, sweepstakes

DALLAS (AFPN) — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is kicking off the century’s last holiday shopping season with a \$250,000 sweepstakes, extended store hours, sales in all categories and special credit plan offerings.

Customers can register for the “Home for the Holidays” sweepstakes on either Friday or Saturday during the first four shopping hours in exchange main stores, which will open at 6 a.m. state-side and 7 a.m. in Europe.

The grand sweepstakes prize stateside is a Dodge Neon automobile; overseas it’s a Ford Focus. The more than 400 other

prizes include airline tickets, sets of luggage, calling cards and popular electronics items for all



ages.

AAFES will announce sweepstakes winners Dec. 12 after a drawing from entries collected worldwide.

Additionally, same-day in-store drawings will award gift certificates ranging from \$50 to \$200. Sweepstakes rules and restrictions are printed on the back of each entry ticket, in sales tabloid inserts

and on store displays.

AAFES’ Thanksgiving weekend sales tabloids, which are in stores now, show many of the items on sale and feature coupons redeemable for savings on fast food. AAFES’ homepage also features information about this and other sales events.

Along with the “Home for the Holidays” sweepstakes, AAFES’ will launch a special holiday Deferred Payment Plan promotion that will end Dec. 24.

All DPP account holders can make purchases free of interest and payments for 90 days and new account holders will additionally receive a special discount.



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Look Back...

Nov. 17 1993, on the front page of the Bullseye an F-16 uses the hush house during quiet hours. The Air Force announced dozens of changes effecting 47 installations in 29 states. Most were realignments for budget purposes. The Secretary of Veterans affairs announced the Desert Storm vets would be tested for any effects of exposure to chemical weapons in Southwest Asia.

Warrior of the Week



Name: Staff Sgt. Kevin J. Guenwald
Squadron: Thunderbirds Demonstration Squadron
Duty title: Photographer
Time in Air Force: 12 years
Time at Nellis: More than two years.
Goals: To make Technical Sergeant and finish my degree in exercise physiology

If I could improve one thing on Nellis: I would ask for an exercise course with workout stations to be build on base.
Most significant Air Force memory: Being selected for the Thunderbird team.
What I like most about my job: I really enjoy the traveling and being able to tell the Air Force and Thunderbird story through my photography.



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